

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 9 and 11-13 are pending in the above-identified application. Claims 14-16 have been inserted into claims 1, 6 and 13, respectively.

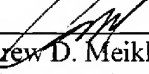
It is respectfully submitted that the claims of the present application have now been placed into condition for allowance. In this regard, it is noted that the US Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences in its decision of November 7, 2008 stated at page 20 that previously pending claims 14-16 could not be rejected based on the evidence in the present record. Claims 14-16 have now been inserted into independent claims 1, 6 and 13 as noted above. Thus, it is requested that the present application be placed into condition for allowance.

If any questions arise in the above matters, please contact Applicant's representative, Andrew D. Meikle (Reg. No. 32,868), in the Washington Metropolitan Area at the phone number listed below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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